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Mad at Tsaldaris

Rip Nazi Attack on Yorkville Pickets

Prominent German-Americans yesterday condemned the fascist-like attack on peaceful pickets in Yorkville and called upon the "decent citizens of Yorkville to speak out and join us in repudiating the race haters."

The attack on the pickets occurred Wednesday night at Eugene Brand's newsstand, 86 St. and Third Ave., where veterans have been conducting a picket line to protest the sale of *The Broom*, a hate sheet. Brand's cronies—Kurt Mertig, Charles Smit-tinius and Raymond Burke—hurled racist epithets at the pickets and quickly started a brawl. The pro-Nazi denounced the Daily Worker. Police finally broke up the attack.

Picketing continued yesterday with many residents of the area offering assistance, financial and otherwise, to the demonstrators.

The statement of the prominent German Americans pointed out that the ma-

jority of the residents in Yorkville of German descent do not support the racists.

Supporting the American Veterans Committee which is sponsoring the picket-line, they said: "Through the experiences of the German people we have learned that even the toleration of bigotry and race hate will lead to a nation's downfall." They urged Yorkvilleites to support the pickets.

Signing the statement were: Ben Teidemann, John Kandl and Fritz Streck of AFL Bakers, Local 1; Frank Wedl, president of AFL Painters, Local 848; Elsa Jansen, secretary, German-American Club, American Labor Party; George Schmidt, national president, Nature Friends of America; Margaret Adler, managing editor of the German-American; Robert Ehrlich, editorial board member of the same publication, Gerhart Hagelberg, Lodge 583, International Workers Order, and Otto Sattler, author.

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City NAACP Asks All to Rights Parley

By John Hudson Jones

Lindsay H. White, president of the New York branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, yesterday called upon all Harlemites and other New

Yorkers to join in the mobilization for civil rights. White, a city fire lieutenant, formally issued a call to a civil rights conference to be held next Thursday, Jan. 12, at 8 p.m. in the Harlem YWCA, 179 W. 137 St.

This conference, said White, "will prepare the way for participation by New Yorkers in the National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization on Jan. 15-17 in Washington.

"I want to welcome the participation of every individual who is ready to stand up for equality and justice for all Americans. If civil rights legislation, so vital to the democratic well-being of us all, is to be based in the second session of the 81st Congress, then all of us must join forces to make our representatives in Washington carry out their promises."

PLEDGES CITED

White pointed out that all parties except the Dixiecrats pledged civil rights legislation in their 1948 platforms. "But not one of their pledges has been fulfilled," he said.

"Political mountebanks in both major parties have used the civil rights issue to get themselves into office . . . Others caution us to let civil rights legislation get itself enacted. They look to the slow process of education for an end to discrimination, lynching and the poll tax. They fear action may hurt the sensibilities of people in power. But the Negro people have waited all too long. We want civil rights laws, not one or two or 100 years from today—but now."

"We will not win even a comma in statute books so long as we do not unite. Let us stand together and show we mean to fight for our freedoms, and politicians will be able to hand us civilities in place of rights."

SPONSORS

Among the organizations that have joined the New York Branch in sponsoring the Conference and Mobilization are the Abyssinian Baptist Church, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the Catholic Interracial Council, Church of the Master, Committee for the Negro in the Arts, the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, the American Veterans Committee, the Committee to End Discrimination in Stuyvesant Town, the Dining Car and Food Workers Union, Friendship House, Harlem Children's Recreation Committee, the Harlem YMCA, Metropolitan Council of the National Council of Negro Women, NAACP Youth Council.

Also, New York Chapter, National Lawyers Guild, the Vulcan Society, New Dance Group Studio, People's Committee, St. Ambrose Protestant Episcopal Church, United Caribbean American Council, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, St. Phillips Protestant Episcopal Church, and the New (Continued on Page 9)

ATHENS, Jan. 5.—The coalition monarcho-fascist government of Premier Alexander Diomedes resigned today after two of his ministers and the head of the Greek fascist Army suddenly quit in protest of the tactics of the Foreign Minister Constantine Tsaldaris.

The premier's resignation was accepted by King Paul, who was expected to ask Diomedes to form a "caretaker" or interim government to serve until the Greek general election in early April.

The Army chief of staff, Field Marshal Alexander Papagos, set off the crisis when he resigned his post in anger, contending Tsaldaris had belittled his conduct of the war against the Greek Democratic Army.

Two center-party ministers, Deputy Vice Premier Sophocles Venizelos and War Minister Panayotis Kanellopoulos, quit when Papagos withdrew.

Venizelos was unhappy about the fact Tsaldaris decided to make an electioneering tour of the Greek provinces now. Kanellopoulos, like Papagos, was believed to have been irked by Tsaldaris' critical statements against the army.

Diomedes submitted the entire cabinet's resignation a few hours later.

Papagos contended he had been insulted when Tsaldaris said the field marshal took over the army leadership only after the foreign minister obtained American military aid and supplies necessary to defeat the rebels.

Asks Halt in Eviction Notices

The New York City Tenants Council on Rent and Housing yesterday wired Judge William Lyman, president of the Municipal Court, urging that the association to all Municipal Court judges that they adjourn all dispossess proceedings pending validation of the city rent control law.

"Such action," said Isidore Blumberg, executive secretary, "is necessary to prevent coercive pressure by landlords and eliminate confusion created by recent invalidation of the local law."

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Peron Moves Against Lawyers

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 5.—Dictator Peron's Congressional Un-Argentine Committee yesterday demanded that the attorney-general prosecute the Bar Association of Tucuman, Argentina's second largest city, for protesting the closing of the two Communist newspapers, *La Hora* and *La*

Orientacion. The papers were shut down by Peron yesterday for opposition to the dictatorship.

The committee also ordered a police guard stationed at a branch of the Communist youth organization because it had protested the closing of the papers.

'Gang-Buster' Tom Dewey And the Contented Ex-Con

By Max Gordon

ALBANY. It is ironical that in this capital city where that allegedly great gang-buster Thomas E. Dewey has held sway for seven years, there flourishes the one notorious, corrupt, dictatorial Democratic machine which is still unscathed.

But the ex-convict Dan O'Connell, a shadowy figure of 65 who loves chicken fights, keeps fighting cocks, and has a morbid fear of death, continues to rule with a grip of iron.

Dan is the one and only boss of the ruthless O'Connell machine which has dominated Albany life for 30 years.

There have been other O'Connells; his brothers, who operated the political racket with him. But Ed died under unexplained circumstances during investigation of a state printing scandal with which his name was linked. And another brother also died under unexplained circumstances.

Solly O'Connell is still around, though not much is ever said about him. He is reputed to be well acquainted with the seamy sides of Albany life, and his job is said to be supervision of certain unofficial activities associated with the machine. There are also nephews and other relatives who play minor roles in the set-up.

The numbers and horse-room rackets flourish openly in town, which they obviously could not do without the connivance of the machine. The "take" is enormous, and the fact that machine agreement is necessary for existence of these rackets provides a possible way by which the machine can



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finance its apparatus in the wards and districts.

The O'Connells run legitimate businesses which they promote through their tight control of City Hall, such as a brewery company and a taxi company. Tavern keepers in Albany know, for instance, that they have to sell Hendrick's beer if they want to stay in business. There are not many major industrial and financial institutions in town in which the O'Connells do not have a hand in one way or another.

They make certain that the trade

unions bend to their will. One union official who refused to knuckle under was roughed up so often a few years back he finally got out of town. Another received frequent death threats and was framed on a robbery charge. He was indicted, but the machine did not go through with its frameup after the affair received statewide publicity.

CORPORATION LOBBYISTS

The big business and financial moguls who operate in Albany, either as local concerns or with the state, find the machine a handy instrument. During the state Democratic administration, machine legal lights were useful lobbyists for the big corporations. Now, with a Republican administration in the capitol, nominal Republican lawyers equally close to the machine do some of the lobbying.

They do not step on each other's toes professionally, for it has long been the custom for the chief legal firms to have nominal democrats and nominal Republicans serving as partners.

When Dewey first became governor, he made a lot of noise about breaking up the machine. There were investigations and much ballyhoo. Both in his unsuccessful 1938 campaign, and his successful 1942 campaign, the "great press" (Continued on Page 5)

To Rule on Trial of UOPWA

Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind will hear arguments on Monday from the CIO United Office and Professional Workers for a temporary injunction to prevent top CIO officials from going through with their rigged "trial." On Wednesday Judge Rifkind took a similar complaint from the CIO Food and Tobacco Workers under advisement.

Meantime, the Judge ordered that the CIO Executive Board and its "trial" committees could reach no decision on expulsions of unions until after he rules. He gave them permission to hold hearings but barred them from making any decisions.

The FIA charged that CIO was attempting to expel it illegally and that it could not get a fair hearing since the trial groups would be composed of officials who had stated their intention of expelling the ten progressive-led unions. In the case of UOPWA, the CIO has already held a hearing in which it banned witnesses chosen by the UOPWA.

Collier's Vote for Taft

Collier's magazine yesterday endorsed Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-O) for reelection. The magazine said labor opposition to his candidacy had made the Ohio senatorial race a "national issue."

Finnish Cabinet OKs Pay Hike

HELSINKI, Finland, Jan. 5.—The cabinet today approved a general wage increase of 7% per cent—10 days before Finland's first normal presidential election in 13 years.

The cabinet decision came as the result of pressure by Finnish labor unions for an overall 10 percent wage hike.

The unions were supported by the Communists, who had threatened a "mass power strike" if their demands were not met. Parliament is scheduled to act on the increase Tuesday.

Parliament was called into special session to discuss the recent Soviet note demanding the return of 300 war criminals hiding in Finland.

Cold Wave Moves East

CHICAGO, Jan. 5 (UPI).—Some of the worst floods in a decade routed hundreds of families from their homes in Indiana and Illinois today as a bitter, western cold wave moved toward the east.

The wintry blast was expected to rout June-in-January temperatures in the east by tonight.

Freezing rain and sleet covered Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and upstate New York.

The bitter cold remained over most of the western half of the nation and pierced deeper into southern Texas.

The mercury remained near freezing or below in California, continuing the danger to the state's valuable citrus and vegetable crops.

Nixon at Bronx Forum

The North 7th A.D. Bronx American Labor Party club, 1723 Boston Road, Sunday evening will hear Russ Nixon lead a discussion on the "Renazification of Germany."

Sunday Is Sub Day in City Worker Drive

All county organizations of the Congress of section leaders and press Communists in New York City will meet Sunday for the Workers sub drive, it was announced yesterday.

In Queens, John Gates, Worker editor-in-chief, will address a meet-at 40 percent of its sub quota.

Bronx Communists, now at 40 percent, plan to hit 83 percent by the weekend drive. The mobilization will begin with section breakfasts throughout the borough on Sunday, and will continue through Wednesday, by which time section breakfasts. County leaders

will tour the sections. Some sections are expected to complete their quota, and the county as a whole is pointing toward 1,000 new subs.

The New York County organization will also seek 1,000 subs.

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At a press conference later in the day (Continued on Page 9)

Deny Appeal by 4 Of 5 Denver Victims

The U. S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit has reversed the contempt conviction of one of the victims of the Denver frameup last year and upheld the conviction of four others, it was learned here yesterday.

Ben Davis to Speak on Stalin

Harlem will celebrate Stalin's 70th birthday tonight (Friday), at a rally which will hear former Councilman Benjamin J. Davis speak on "Stalin and the Struggle for Negro Liberation."

Pearl Lawes, Negro woman trade unionist, will describe her recent visit to the Soviet Union.

The rally, sponsored by the Harlem Region of the Communist Party, will be held at the United Mutual Hall, 310 Lenox Ave. (near 125 St., at 8:30 p. m.). Admission is free.

Some important new theoretical developments in the present struggle for Negro liberation will be presented by Davis.

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As soon as confirmation of the receipt of the letter by Chou reaches London, informants said, Britain's recognition will be announced to the world—probably tomorrow or Saturday.

In preparation for the announcement, foreign undersecretary Christopher Mayhew summoned Dr. Cheng Tien-hsi, the Kuomintang ambassador to the foreign office tonight, to tell him it was understood of the government's decision to give him a courtesy copy of the letter to Peking, and to announce that British recognition of the Kuomintang regime was withdrawn.

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Informants said, however, that the British government might still accord recognition de facto to the Kuomintang regime so far as its possession of Formosa is concerned.

Cheng and his staff will be given three months to get out of the big Chinese Embassy building in fashionable Portland Place, bought by the old imperial Chinese government from the Duke of Richmond 50 years ago on a 99-year lease.

When the Chinese Republic's ambassador arrives, he may be the first new envoy since the war to receive full diplomatic honors.

It has been ruled that prewar procedure for reception of new ambassadors shall be revived.

The next ambassador to get here will be driven to Buckingham Palace in a state landau, driven by a coachman with scarlet and gold laced coat, to be presented to the king. Members of the ambassador's staff will accompany him in similarly ornate landaus.

AWOLs Safe in Eire

LONDON, Jan. 5 (UP)—Service officials said today that 10,500 British deserters from the Army, Navy and Air Force have fled to Ireland and cannot be returned under present British-Irish extradition agreements.

The Facts Truman Excluded

By Bernard Burton

Fact and fancy were not even mixed in the section of the President's message to Congress dealing with the current economic scene. Fact was just excluded. Here's what the President claimed and the way it stacks up with the facts:

"We have continued our successful support of European recovery. We have returned to our established policy of expanding international trade through reciprocal agreement."

FACT: After more than two years of Marshall Plan Operations U.S. exports, according to latest Department of Commerce figures, are running 20 percent lower than the monthly average one year ago, 30 percent less than in 1947.

- Imports are down 20 percent from 1948.
- On the other hand, imports from the Soviet Union have been holding their own and increasing. But exports to the Soviet Union, under our job-

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FACT: At nearly the same moment the Commerce Department reported a continued increase in unemployment, reaching 3,489,000 compared to 1,941,000 a year ago. The latest figures should be corrected to at least 5,000,000 unemployed, as labor economists have shown. The conservative magazine Business Week concedes that the number of jobless in 1950 will exceed 1949.

- The December issue of the Commerce De-

"We have given greater assurance of stability to the farmer."

FACT: This is the greatest whopper of them all. The statement was made only a few days after the Agriculture Department announced that prices received by farmers have dropped below parity for the first time in eight years. That means the farmer is receiving less for his products than he pays for manufactured goods.

"This growth (in production) has come about, not by concentrating the benefits of our progress in the hands of a few, but by increasing the wealth of the great body of our nation and our citizens."

FACT: Two hundred and fifty corporations today control more than two-thirds of the productive assets of the nation. And about 1,000 families own these 250 corporations.

- Government figures show the share of the workers and farmers in national income falling steadily, while the share of the monopolies has been growing.

• Small business is being wiped out. For the first time since pre-war depression days the rate of discontinued businesses is exceeding the rate of new businesses.

destroying State Department methods, have dribbled to a hardly measurable fraction of even one year ago.

• And the sharpest drop in imports was from the Marshall Plan countries, whose recovery the ERP was supposed to promote. Only a little more than two months ago, the President himself reported to Congress that these countries accounted for only 13 percent of U.S. imports, compared to 24 percent before the war.

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partment publication, Survey of Current Business, states: "The decline in investment in new plant and equipment which started in the spring of 1949, will continue through the first quarter of 1950." It refused to guess what will happen after the first three months, but is not optimistic.

- All estimates for the sale of machine tools and other producers' equipment are downward.

• The farmer's share of total national income has been declining steadily. Even in the banner farm year of 1947, half of all farmers earned less than \$2,000, 70 percent below \$3,000, and 25 percent below \$1,000. In 1950, farm income is expected to fall to around \$12 billion, compared to \$17.9 billion in 1947.

• None of these discontinued businesses include the 250 large corporations, which have been growing larger by gobbling up smaller businesses through mergers and other methods. Since 1940, more than 2,500 smaller firms have been taken over by larger ones.

And then, of course, there was the bland assertion by President Truman about the high rate of family income. For the real facts about that one, see today's column by Joseph Starobin on page 6.

Hungary OKs Emigration of 3,000 Jews

The Hungarian Government has granted permission to 3,000 Jews, including 40 leaders of the dissolved Hungarian Zionist movement, to leave for Israel within the next few months, it was announced here yesterday by the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

bulk of the emigrants will be children whose parents are already in Israel, or parents seeking to rejoin children now living in the Jewish State. The Zionist leaders given permission to leave will be chosen by a special committee from lists of Zionist officials registered with the Hungarian Minister of the Interior. The leaders will be accompanied by their families.

Strike Greek Ship Here After Pay Cut

Twenty Greek crew members of the SS Amata, docked at Pier 6, Brooklyn, struck yesterday in protest against a wage cut and company refusal to comply with vacation and overtime provisions of the contract.

Memo to the Reader

By ALAN MAX
Managing Editor

Dear Alan—Utica, N. Y., now over the top in The Worker sub drive. As of this date: 104 percent. All subs mailed in. Everyone happy about this. Going for more.

MIKE LYNN.

Dear Alan—Crawesond Bay didn't wash away Bensonhurst. Well, neither has the Atlantic Ocean wiped out Brighton Beach. We have 270 subs and pledge to get 380 (or 85 percent) by Sunday. How about a plug?

BRIGHTON FAN.

Consider yourselves plugged.

Staff reporter Harry Raymond visited the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of the Communist Party, located in Brooklyn's main Negro community. Harry says he was happy to meet many veteran party workers (like James Ford, leader of the section, and Henry Berkow, organization secretary). Also many new active workers. Section was a month late starting the press drive but they're full of confidence. Quota—500 Worker subs and they insist they'll top that by getting more than 15 subs a day until Jan. 31. Section known, of course, for its campaign against police brutality.

Here's a scoop for you—an advance copy of the menu for the dinner for leading sub-getters of New York State and chairmen of Foster Honor Roll clubs. (Yugoslav-American Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 11). The menu: fruit salad, soup, ROAST CHICKEN, fruit salad, ice cream, coffee. But has the menu been approved by Eisenhower?

Today's POINT of ORDER

Perhaps the best way to summarize the Congressional outlook is—Look Out!

Amnesia Dots Testimony Of Stoolie at Bridges Trial

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Lawrence C. Ross, the Government's touted "mystery witness" in the Bridges trial, would just as soon mystery cloaked the indictments of his checkered career. The stoolpigeon made nervous efforts today to evade the probing of defense attorney James M. MacInnis regarding his writings and his personal life during the 1930's.

He repeatedly uttered the refrain, "I don't recall," when pressed with questions about himself.

His forgetfulness, oddly enough, did not extend to the defendant, Harry Bridges, who, he alleged yesterday, attended what he termed "closed Communist meetings."

The cross-examination brought prosecution attorneys to their feet with objections repeatedly, and angry exchanges between opposing counsels punctuated the session.

The renegade Ross attempted to alibi his lack of memory with the excuse that when he left the party in 1938 he "drew a blind" over this "nightmarish" period in his life. (He is now employed by the Cotton Trade Journal, an organ of Southern cotton industry employers.)

Ross was saved from an extended probe of his personal life by Judge George B. Harris, who upheld a Government objection to questions relating to charges of desertion once brought against the witness.

MacInnis asked Ross if it were not true that he was sued for de-

tection of his wife and two infant children who, at the time, were forced to seek public assistance to live.

The stoolpigeon flushed and before he could answer the government's objection was upheld.

Arguing that the question should be admitted, MacInnis said:

"This man is not sure how many children he had, where he lived, whether he was married or divorced. Answers to these questions relate closely to his credibility as a witness."

Like the stoolpigeons previously paraded by the government, Ross went out of his way to slander the Communist Party, of which he was a member between 1932 and 1938.

He asserted that that party believed in overthrowing the government by "force and violence."

SHOWN OWN WRITING

A moment later he stammered in embarrassment when MacInnis showed him an article signed by himself in the *Western Worker* which exposed this threadbare charge.

Further questions on this subject

were blocked by the government.

But MacInnis succeeded in making a telling point:

"All of these ex-Communists have declared that they lied and practiced deception. This man says he 'distorted' the news. He says now that Communists favor force and violence. Yet here we have an article by himself expounding the official position of the Communist Party against force and violence. We have the right to explore the matter, to discover when he lied, then or now."

The extent of the government's conspiracy to "get" Bridges was revealed by Ross under cross-examination. None other than Bruce Barber, head of the San Francisco office of the Immigration Service, traveled to Memphis last spring to get him to join the roster of stoolpigeons. Ross declared he agreed to testify voluntarily and had the approval of his employer who, he said, termed his stooling "important work."

NEW WALKOUT STAGED AT 2 REFUGEE AGENCIES

A walkout was staged yesterday afternoon by 800 social service workers at two refugee agencies to protest the continued stalling by management on a new contract. The strikers, members of the Social Service Employees Union, Local 19 of the UOPWA, met at 13 Astor Place and adopted a program of action to press their demands on wages, severance pay and other conditions.

The two agencies concerned are the United Service for New Americans and the New York Association for New Americans. The af-

ternoon walkout followed when management representatives last night quit negotiations after they had given the union to understand they were willing to bargain in good faith on the new contract.

The workers voted to stage mass picket lines today at the agencies' offices at 15 Park Row, 350 Broadway, and at the Hotel Marseilles and the Hotel Whitehall in uptown Broadway and to take other worker action if necessary.

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Second Bathless Day Ordered for Thursday

Another bathless, shaveless day was decreed for New York yesterday because unreasonably warm weather had led to a splurge in water consumption and the rain and snow ordinarily in December and January failed to materialize.

Next Thursday was set as the date for the second dry day for New York's 8,000,000 populace. The first experiment, on Dec. 16, brought about a 25 percent cut in the city's normal water usage.

Carney took a frankly gloomy view of the city's water situation. He disclosed that reservoirs supplying New York now were 36.4 percent full, compared with 68.7 percent at the same time last year.

"This June-in-January weather has caused consumption to go up in the city this week," Carney said. "People are taking more baths than

Slavs Exchange New Year Greetings

New Year's greetings were exchanged at the week-end between the American Slav Congress and the Slav Committee of the USSR.

Greetings from the Soviet committee, signed by A. Gundorov, chairman, and V. Mochalev, executive secretary, stated:

"The Slav Committee of USSR greets you on the occasion of the New Year, and wishes you success in further work for the strengthening of the democratic camp, in struggle against the war instigators."

Leo Krzycki, president, and George Pirinsky, secretary of the ASC, replied as follows:

"We wish to express to you our deep appreciation for your New Year's greetings to our Congress, and our similar sentiments of best wishes for the success of your work in defense of peace and for the defeat of the warmongers."

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Grand Central

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11th A.D.

13th A.D.

7th East

7th West

Lincoln Square

West Midtown

Upper Chelsea

Lower Chelsea

Lower West Side

Lower Manhattan West

8th and 10th A.D.

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Informants said, however, that the British government might still accord recognition de facto to the Kuomintang regime so far as its possession of Formosa is concerned.

Cheng and his staff will be given three months to get out of the big Chinese Embassy building in fashionable Portland Place, bought by the old imperial Chinese government from the Duke of Richmond 50 years ago on a 99-year lease.

When the Chinese Republic's ambassador arrives, he may be the first new envoy since the war to receive full diplomatic honors.

It has been ruled that prewar procedure for reception of new ambassadors shall be revived.

The next ambassador to get here will be driven to Buckingham Palace in a state landau, driven by a coachman with scarlet and gold laced coat, to be presented to the king. Members of the ambassador's staff will accompany him in similarly ornate landaus.

AWOLs Safe in Eire

LONDON, Jan. 5 (UP)—Service officials said today that 10,500 British deserters from the Army, Navy and Air Force have fled to Ireland and cannot be returned under present British-Irish extradition agreements.

Deny Appeal by 4 Of 5 Denver Victims

The U. S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit has reversed the contempt conviction of one of the victims of the Denver frameup last year and upheld the conviction of four others, it was learned here yesterday.

The conviction of Nancy Weitner was thrown out by the three-judge tribunal, which held that her refusal to answer stoolie questions before a grand jury witchhunt was her right under the Constitution. The court, however, affirmed the convictions of Paul Kleinbord, Art Berry, Miss Jane Rogers and Irving Blau, who were sentenced to one year in jail on contempt growing out of the same frameup.

The apparent reason for the differing decisions was that Miss Weitner refused to answer all questions on constitutional grounds, while the other four victims answered one question on their own membership in the Communist Party before they refused to reply to stoolie questions. Defense attorneys were believed ready to ask for a rehearing within the 10-day limit for such application.

Harlem will celebrate Stalin's 70th birthday tonight (Friday), at a rally which will hear former Councilman Benjamin J. Davis speak on "Stalin and the Struggle for Negro Liberation." Pearl Lawes, Negro woman trade unionist, will describe her recent visit to the Soviet Union.

The rally, sponsored by the Harlem Region of the Communist Party, will be held at the United Mutual Hall, 310 Lenox Ave. (near 125 St.), at 8:30 p. m. Admission is free.

Some important new theoretical developments in the present struggle for Negro liberation will be presented by Davis.

Hungary OKs Emigration of 3,000 Jews

The Hungarian Government has granted permission to 3,000 Jews, including 40 leaders of the dissolved Hungarian Zionist movement, to leave for Israel within the next few months, it was announced here yesterday by the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Bulk of the emigrants will be children whose parents are already in Israel, or parents seeking to rejoin children now living in the Jewish State. The Zionist leaders given permission to leave will be chosen by a special committee from lists of Zionist officials registered with the Hungarian Minister of the Interior. The leaders will be accompanied by their families.

Strike Greek Ship Here After Pay Cut

Twenty Greek crew members of the SS Amira, docked at Pier 6, Brooklyn, struck yesterday in protest against a wage cut and company refusal to comply with vacation and overtime provisions of the contract.

Memo to the Reader

By ALAN MAX
Managing Editor

Dear Alan—Utica, N. Y., now over the top in The Worker sub drive. As of this date: 104 percent. All subs mailed in. Everyone happy about this. Going for more.

MIKE LYNN.

Dear Alan—Cravensend Bay didn't wash away Bensonhurst. Well, neither has the Atlantic Ocean wiped out Brighton Beach. We have 270 subs and pledge to get 360 (or 85 percent) by Sunday. How about a plug?

BRIGHTON FAN.

Consider yourselves plugged.

Staff reporter Harry Raymond visited the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of the Communist Party, located in Brooklyn's main Negro community. Harry says he was happy to meet many veteran party workers (like James Ford, leader of the section, and Henry Berkow, organization secretary). Also many new active workers. Section was a month late starting the press drive but they're full of confidence. Quota—500 Worker subs and they insist they'll top that by getting more than 15 subs a day until Jan. 31. Section known, of course, for its campaign against police brutality.

Here's a scoop for you—an advance copy of the menu for the dinner for leading sub-getters of New York State and chairman of Foster Honor Roll clubs. (Yugoslav-American Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 11). The menu: fruit salad, soup, ROAST CHICKEN, fruit salad, ice cream, coffee. But has the menu been approved by Eisenhower?

Today's POINT of ORDER

Perhaps the best way to summarize the Congressional outlook is—Look Out!

TAXI DRIVERS' PAGE Every Friday

Sees Real Chance for Taxi Union in 1950

The year 1950 opens with real possibilities for unionization of the taxi field. Many favorable factors are operating for improving working conditions on the streets and in the garages. The strong sentiment for union organization and the fighting spirit demonstrated by the hackmen in 1949 forced to the surface many long standing grievances.

Thus, the fleet operators were forced to talk about increased commissions and paid vacations. While it is true that so far it is only talk and there are many phony gimmicks attached to the various propositions advanced (such as tying an increased commission and paid vacations to a higher fare) these things would not even be spoken of were it not for the powerful union sentiment of the drivers.

Thus, Mayor O'Dwyer was forced by this sentiment to talk about eliminating the shapeup and appointed a committee to review the hack regulations. While hackmen have yet to force the Mayor to translate his talk into action, a break in the wall of silence about the conditions of drivers has been made. (Commissioner O'Grady has yet to consult one hack driver or drivers organization as to their views on the regulations.)

Hack drivers forced the 25-cent airport toll issue to the surface so that some action is in the offing.

In all of this the 1949 strike and the Mayoralty elections played a big part. The action of Cong. Marcanito in injecting taxi into the elections helped powerfully.

If 1949 was the year of TALK as far as the Mayor and the operators are concerned, hackmen must make 1950 the year of action.

Hackmen can meet 1950 with confidence if they unite and build a powerful union to meet the challenge of the coming months.

My Flag Is Up

CALLS WE CAN LIVE WITHOUT:

The ones that get into your cab, ride for 30 cents. When you reach their destination, there's another call there, but the one in your cab takes so much time finding their change. Not only do they take the joys out of life, but the fare that has been waiting, loses patience, and grabs another cab...

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The tears that many fleet-owners spilled as they became "democratic" and mingled with their drivers on the garage floor during the Christmas season (to explain why they could not give their drivers a little extra money for the holidays) could have washed all the cabs during the water shortage and there'd be some left for the new car that a dispatcher of a West 58 Street got himself out of drivers' "tips."

NEWS:

Deputy Police Commissioner Patrick J. Meehan, head of the Division of Licenses, which includes the Hack Bureau, although eligible to retire at \$6,000 per year has no intention of quitting his job. I'll bet that all the years he was a cop, if instead, he was driv-

ing a hack, he'd quit. Quick too, and for less...

KRANIS BILL

The Taxi Weekly is ready to use the atomic bomb to get the Kranis Bill passed (This bill would make passenger pay 25-cent toll). I could get excited over this world-shaking bill, but for the fact that the last time I had a call to LaGuardia Airport was about six months ago. When I do get there, there's always a big hack line about a half mile long and with the tune in my ear "get it up" I have to shoot right back...

As long as we remain unorganized, the shapeup will continue

Hackies Pay For 'Gift' of Insurance

Editor, Daily Worker:

A few days ago, after beating my brains out for nine hours in traffic, as I was turning in at the cashier's window, I saw a stack of pamphlets piled high on a table in front of the office. These were addressed "To the Drivers of This Company," etc., etc. It took two sides of four pages of glowing language to tell us how lucky we were to be working for such a wonderful company. Each steady working employee shall be provided with a \$1,000 life insurance policy "at no cost to you" (this was emphasized several times).

This sounded very good but it started me thinking. How can they convince us hackmen that we are not paying for it when organized drivers in other cities are getting 45 percent and 47 percent besides a guaranteed daily minimum, paid vacations, bonuses and many other advantages over and above the existing chaotic conditions of the unorganized hackies here.

As long as we remain unorganized, the shapeup will continue

to be a threat to so-called steady employment, which is one of the requirements of the insurance plan.

We must fight together for better conditions including job security and yes, an insurance plan too, that will cover the entire industry and not just something that can be given or taken away at the whim of the operators, or used as a club over the heads of the hackies who want genuine collective bargaining between a union of their choice, and the fleet of operators to better their conditions.

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Red Hook Victor Over Red Tape

One week ago, the day after the Christmas holiday, Antonio Julbe, his wife and six children, were being put out on the streets. Today they are housed in a five-room apartment at the Red Hook housing project—thanks to the alertness and persistence of the Red Hook American Labor Party, the Tenants Council and Julbe's neighbors.

Julbe had been a janitor at 136 Columbia St. He got the job last May and then brought his family from Puerto Rico. His salary amounted to \$40 a month, but the boss demanded that he do more than janitorial work. He insisted that Julbe do all the repairs and even the painting.

When Julbe balked at painting the whole apartment house, he was fired and was threatened with eviction by Dec. 17.

WIN STAY

That's when Julbe's neighbors and the organizations stepped in. Vincent Longhi of the ALP got a stay of the eviction until Dec. 27.

On that day the Julbe family and a delegation from the ALP, the Tenants Council and neighbors took the train over to Manhattan to the New York Housing Authority. They demanded help and were

Slavs Exchange New Year Greetings

New Year's greetings were exchanged at the week-end between the American Slav Congress and the Slav Committee of the USSR.

Greetings from the Soviet committee, signed by A. Gundorov, chairman, and V. Mochalev, executive secretary, stated:

The Slav Committee of USSR greets you on the occasion of the New Year, and wishes you success in further work for the strengthening of the democratic camp, in struggle against the war instigators.

Leo Krzycki, president, and George Pirinsky, secretary of the ASC, replied as follows:

"We wish to express to you our deep appreciation for your New Year's greetings to our Congress, and our similar sentiments of best wishes for the success of your work in defense of peace and for the defeat of the warmongers."

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Negroes of Albany Find a Spokesman

ALBANY.

"I have lived here 35 years, and the first time the Negro people ever had their demands heard was when my party came along," Harriet Wolff, Unity Party nominee for City Council President in the recent municipal election, told the Daily Worker in an interview here.

Mrs. Wolff is a keen, energetic widow of about 40 who works in a beauty parlor. New to politics, she is influential in Albany's Negro community, located in the South End, perhaps the most dilapidated, miserable slum area in all New York State.

Mrs. Wolff believes the O'Connell machine deliberately keeps it that way. For the greater the misery of the Negro and poor white families that inhabit it, the more they must look to the machine for small favors to keep them going, the greater the possibility of crushing the spirit of independence.

When she talked of "my Party," she meant not only the Unity Party, organized for this year's election, but the American Labor Party, which was purged from its members by the O'Connell machine.

FIRST NEGRO NOMINEE

In all her years in the community, Mrs. Wolff said, she remembered no Negro candidate for public office until Chester Banks ran for State Senate in 1948 as ALP nominee. In 1949, Banks was Unity Party candidate for County sheriff. Mrs. Wolff ran for Council President, and Kelly Douglass, Negro war vet, was nominee for supervisor in the 3rd ward.

Mrs. Wolff came in contact with the ALP during the fight in Albany a few years ago to prevent the Board of Education from cancelling a school auditorium permit for a concert by Paul Robeson. The fight was won.

"Anything you get from the Democrats," she declared, "you pay for many times over. And the Republican Party, of course, doesn't do anything at all."

She charged the O'Connells with refusing to act on the tragic housing situation in the South End be-

cause of their connections with the "aristocrats" of Albany who own the shacks and decayed slum tenements, and who charge fabulous rents for them. The Unity Party, in the recent campaign, demanded low-rent housing projects to provide 4,000 units.

CITIES POLICE TERROR

Police terror, railroading to prison of innocent people, constant fear of loss of job or of relief pittances granted by the machine and private charities which it dominates, have kept the people in subjection, Mrs. Wolff maintained.

In recent months, however, the cops and the machine have received some jolts. Mrs. Wolff recalled the demonstration some months ago around the case of a young Negro, John Farrell, who was arrested and beaten to death in jail. The cops hurriedly shipped his body to his family home in Virginia, and tried to hush the matter up.

But the people demanded an investigation, and punishment of the guilty parties. Their protests culminated in a mass picket line at City Hall. Since then, Mrs. Wolff declared, the cops have toned down a bit in their savagery.

UNITY PARTY DRIVE

The Unity Party campaign, she declared, also shook the machine, and was met by the most widespread terror drive the South End has yet experienced.

She related that many of her friends were "proud" of her candidacy, but did not dare vote for her because of fear for their husbands' jobs.

Her Party, she declared, has to develop the struggle for the working people and oppressed of all groups, and to build unity of Negro and white on this basis. Moreover, she said, it has to organize the fight for its program in the halls of the legislature, the City Council and Congress on an all-year-round basis.

I saw to it that the ALP line was left blank, since the Democrats did not want ALP endorsement and the O'Connells are anxious to suppress all true opposition.

MACHINE INTIMIDATION

Machine intimidation against signers of the Unity Party nominating petition was brutal. In some cases, cops visited signers 10 times with warnings of loss of job, relief, higher assessments in the case of small homeowners and other means of annoyance which the machine has at its disposal because of absolute control of city life.

Machine domination is maintained partly through such dictatorial suppression of organized opposition. People who resist it seriously have their tax assessments locked up, their livelihoods threatened, and risk even physical assault. Through its economic connections, it controls a great many jobs, private as well as public. The average Albany citizen knows there is no secret ballot in his town.

ELECTIONS A FARCE

Elections are a farce. I recall hearing a conversation between two drunks shouting across the street to each other one Election Day afternoon which ran something like this:

"Hey, you gonna vote again?"

"Now, I already voted three times, and I got only two bucks for my last vote."

Don runs his machine like an ancient potentate. His close relatives control the financial ALP

Moscow Patriarch

Asks Peace Prayers

LONDON, Jan. 5 (UP).—Moscow Radio said today that Alexius, Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia, will call on all believers to pray for peace and the collapse of "the designs of those who wish to plunge the people into the horrors of a new war."

The Patriarch's message will be broadcast on the Orthodox Church's Christmas, which falls on Jan. 7, the broadcast, distributed by the Soviet monitor, said.

Ask AFL, CIO To Back Protest On Relief Cuts

The City AFL and CIO Councils were urged yesterday "to assume the sponsorship" of the demonstration which the American Labor Party will hold Jan. 10, at 4:30 to 6 p. m. in front of the Department of Welfare, 902 Broadway, against relief cuts effective Jan. 16.

In identical telegrams to James C. Quinn, secretary of the AFL Central Trades and Labor Council, Daniel Allen, ALP trade union director congratulated them on their "expression of opposition to relief cuts."

The telegram declared that the picket lines were most "effective way to demonstrate" united opposition to the proposed slash for relief recipients and invited CIO and AFL to participate.

In another wire to Mayor O'Dwyer, ALP state chairman Rep. Vito Marcantonio demanded immediate action "by you to overrule" Welfare Commissioner Hilliard's refusal to cancel the scheduled relief cuts.

The latest in the series of ridiculous Hilliard alibies states that families on relief must suffer cuts, because reduced figures have already been mimeographed. Marcantonio told O'Dwyer, "We call upon you to order Hilliard to rescind the relief cuts immediately so that they shall not go into effect on Jan. 16. The responsibility rests with you."

6-Month Leather Lockout Cracked With 21c Raise

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 5.—The first breakthrough in the six-month lockout by 18 leather companies here came yesterday when the McKay Leather Co. signed an agreement with the Independent Leather Workers Union. The agreement, negotiated by Clarence Carr, former vice-president of the CIO International Fur and Leather Workers Union, provides for an average package increase of 21 cents an hour.

The raises range from 13½ cents an hour to 31½ cents an hour.

The lockout took place originally against the IFLWU, to which all the 850 workers in the 18 shops belonged. Later, the workers organized the independent union with Clarence Carr as president in an effort to use the National Labor Relations Board, if necessary. The IFLWU cannot apply to the board because of the union's refusal to file Taft-Hartley affidavits.

AFL, CIO RAIDS

During the lockout the union was raided by the CIO Textile Workers Union and the AFL Gloveworkers Union. The independent was refused a place on an NLRB ballot, on the grounds that it was "fronting" for the IFLWU.

But the workers overwhelmingly rejected both the AFL and CIO raiders in the election held Dec. 12. They voted "no" as an indication of their adherence to their union.

In addition to the raises, the agreement with the McKay Co. provides for two additional holidays, paid insurance covering the worker as well as his family and

To Try 9 for Killing Yank's 'Fraulein'

NUERNBERG, Germany, Jan. 5 (UP).—State police said today that nine German men, arrested on charges of stoning an American jeep and killing a German girl riding in it with a U. S. soldier, would be tried in a German court for manslaughter.

The ALP leaders report increasing militancy in working class sections against the evil conditions, probably the worst in the state, under which they are forced to live.

Development of opposition to the machine on the fundamental issues of housing, relief, discrimination, education, etc., coupled with the building of a civic movement against machine oppression within the Democratic Party itself, may well put the O'Connells on the list of corrupt, dictatorial machines that have been humbled in recent years.

Hollywood, a column of film news and comment by David Platt appears daily, except Tuesday, in the Daily Worker.

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Around the Globe

By
Joseph
Starobin

The Hollowness of Truman's Boast

PRESIDENT TRUMAN probably thinks he scored a heavy point against Marxism in last Wednesday's State of the Union message—I mean his boast about how the average family's buying power has doubled since 1900, and how national production could be four times what it is today, if the same rate of development continues over the next 50 years. If he would provide us with the radio facilities he enjoyed on Wednesday, and it would be a delight to show how shallow is his history and how phony his promises.

Let Truman explain to us why, with quintupled production and doubling of buying power, the Federal Reserve Board recently showed that two-thirds of the American families live on less than \$85 a week, that half live on less than \$60 a week, and that one out of every five families live on less than \$20 a week?

Why, some 54 years after the passage of anti-trust laws, is an American President still talking about the danger that our economy "will fall under the control of a few dominant economic groups whose powers will be so great that they will be a challenge to democratic institutions. Why the future tense, year after year, when ownership and control of vital industry has for years been in the hands of "dominant economic groups," which continue to concentrate their undemocratic power?

GRANTED THAT production and income have risen since 1900—but at what cost to the millions?—in what kind of world?—and to whose profit? Within these 50 years, there have been three major depressions, and at least two smaller slumps. Millions were made jobless, miserable, wasted. Millions have given their marrow to the speedup and exploitation that has grown more severe all the time. The human toll of capitalism's success has been terrific; it continues to be measured by the houses we live in, the industrial accidents, the bad health and cultural backwardness of our people.

Truman omits a vital fact—that this country took part in two wars, while suffering no destruction on its own soil, wars in which both enemies and allies were mortally weakened. The "free enterprisers" expanded production in both wars, mainly with handouts from the public treasury; a recent ECA study shows that \$68 billions in grants and loans (mainly unpaid) were paid out by the government from 1914 to 1949.

Thus the vaunted success of capitalism rests on wars fought mainly by other peoples, and liberal support from the public treasury; ordinary working people have worked harder and harder, and their relative share in the total income has gone down, while a few millions have consistently grown richer and now control the country.

AS FOR THE FUTURE, what factors will be decisive? The main fact is that the rest of humanity has grown tired of wars which result, not incidentally, in the expansion of American production so that American Presidents can continue to kid the public. A large part of the world has moved toward Socialism, and intends to enforce peace, while catching up with American production levels well within 50 years.

Thus, at the moment when American production is most expanded, but does not, and cannot satisfy the crying needs of our own people, the base of American capitalism's world operations have narrowed, and will continue to narrow.

A FINAL POINT. Yes, total production and income have grown, but imagine what they could have been if this country had been living under Socialism since 1900? If the Soviet peoples have done wonders in 32 years, against enormous obstacles, wars and threats of war, and if the People's Democracies have rapidly exceeded pre-war levels and re-distributed income to the working people within a few years despite the cold war—imagine where we could all be today if our society were planned, and run by its producers?

Is a four-fold increase of production possible by the year 2000? Of course, and much sooner than that. But only if we save what Truman calls the "spirit on which this great Republic was founded" by emerging from the anarchy of capitalism, which has become a fearful burden on the majority, and a mortal danger to ourselves and the impatient world.

VIRGIL



By Len Kleis

World of Labor

By
George
Morris

Lewis Should Ask for United Labor Support

THE COAL SITUATION continues without much change in the general picture. The union still holds to its three-day week limit while the operators are screaming for government intervention through the Taft-Hartley Law. The union's new contract pattern adding 95 cents a day to the miner's wage and 15 cents to the 20 now paid into the welfare fund, has so far been signed by small independent operators representing only about 18,000,000 tons annually, or about 3 percent of the total.

Newspaper howls of a coal crisis are more hysteria than reality. Nine million tons in a three-day week is not much below actual consumption levels today as the decline in industrial operations in some fields, the increase on the price of coal far beyond added wage costs and the dieselization of railroads cuts the coal market.

The shorter work week has undoubtedly cut considerably into the 70,000,000-ton coal pile above ground with which operators started a year ago and which they viewed as a weapon against the union.

There are signs, nevertheless, of restlessness and impatience among the miners in some fields, specially those fields that had operated steadily on a full week basis. The sudden walkout of almost all UMW members of the Illinois-Indiana districts is undoubtedly an indication of that restlessness as well as an effort by the union to force the operators of the area to break away as in past days and sign the contract.

THE MINERS obviously will not be in a mood to continue without a contract and on a three-day basis forever. Moreover, there is dissatisfaction in some areas because of the continued operation of some mines on a non-union basis.

The pressure for more decisive steps in the next stage of the duel between the union and the operators will undoubtedly increase. This raises the question: what will John L. Lewis do?

As Lewis himself has stated, and we stressed so often in this column, the coal operators are after blood. They have vengefully waited for the opportunity which they think they now have.

Even a full tieup of the coal fields may be a long bitter struggle. The operators hope to reap the full benefits of the Truman Administration's methodical steps to isolate the coal miners into a battle without the support of the rest of labor. We had pointed out that no less important than the steps already taken by the union is the urgency of associating the trade union movement in general with the struggle of the miners. Only in that way can the union defeat the Truman strategy of lining up the miners separately as targets of the Government's anti-labor weapons.

LEWIS THREW A BOMBSHELL into complacent trade union society last Fall when he suggested a united front of labor in support of the steel workers. He received the usual cold shoulder from the top leaders, but a warm response from the ranks and those closest to the shops. However, he has not seen fit to call for a united front in support of his own coal miners.

One can understand Lewis' attitude of contempt towards many of his past associates who have become so accustomed to walk on all fours that they can hardly stand on their hind legs. But there is far more involved in this struggle than Lewis' personal attitude to people.

The coal miners, as we noted earlier in this struggle, are undoubtedly in a position today to become the rallying center for a rising mood among the workers to fight back. There seems to be no other union capable, under present conditions, of becoming the hub of resistance. True, the Murrays and Greens will give only lip service to pledges of support. But down in the plants a call from the miners for united support would be welcomed warmly. It would come like a much needed electric charge. It would force the election-minded Administration to hesitate very much before taking any repressive measures against the coal miners.

The AFL's top leaders may not be too much concerned with real action to obtain the raise they say the workers ought to get in 1950. But the average AFL worker or local official does know that if a powerful union like the UMW loses its 1950 battle, there is very little chance that others could do better. It need hardly be added that this holds double for the weakened CIO.

COMING: The A&P Hand in Your Pocket... by Bob Wall... in the weekend Worker

184 Polio Deaths in City Noted for 1949

Last year's polio epidemic registered 2,397 cases in the city and caused 184 deaths, it was revealed yesterday by the Department of Health. The Department added that after-care problems would remain with the city for years to come.

Figures for the 11 months ended Nov. 30, 1949, revealed that the city was the hardest hit part of the state and that other sections of the state which suffered from the outbreak were the areas usually used by city residents for summer vacations. While the city's epidemic was termed mild by the report, the nation as a whole experienced its worst year in history, with the total of more than 41,000 recorded cases topping all records.

The death rate for the epidemic was 23.4 per 100,000 population.

The Department reported that, of the more than 2,200 cases under its supervision, 63 were still in the acute stages of the disease and in hospitals, 600 were receiving after care in hospitals, and more than 1,300 had been discharged to their homes.

AFTER-CARE

Those who were paralyzed will be followed as long as necessary to assure that they get proper and adequate care, the report said. It did not state, however, to what extent this would be done, nor when it breaks out.

LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE IN N.Y. GETS 1,700 NEW MEMBERS

More than 1,700 New York Negro and white working and student youth joined the Labor Youth League in its recent six-week recruiting drive and doubled the organization's membership to 3,500. Lou Diskin, of the New York Organizing Committee reported yesterday.

The bulk of new members were recruited in industries and working class communities, upstate as well as in New York City. A large percentage are Negroes, Diskin said. The Organizing Committee declared that "the League is developing into a major youth organization and is destined to play

a more prominent and successful role in participating in and helping to create the unity of the largest possible state youth movement for peace, freedom and a better life."

The Harlem League Club Excelsior, increasing its membership from 14 to 70, received first prize in the recruiting drive. Second prize was awarded to the newly organized Buffalo League club with a membership of 35 young industrial and Negro workers. Individual honors went to Whitey Gootzeit of East Bronx, who recruited 33 members, and Alonso Guyton of Bedford-Stuyvesant, 30 members.

'Gang-Buster' Dewey and the Ex-Con

(Continued from Page 2) "color" made O'Connell corruption his main election pitch.

But the ballyhoo and the investigations have long since died, and there is no present sign of discord in the sweet relations between Democrats and Republicans in Albany.

In the judicial district, which includes seven counties, there is a close division between Republicans and Democrats. With the American Labor Party a balance of power, the people were able to get a slight break because of occasional concessions made by both sides to ALP policy in an effort to get its backing in supreme court elections.

The two major parties have gotten around this by endorsing each other's candidates for the judiciary, and by enrollment of some 1,300 O'Connell stooges in the ALP in order to take it over and paralyze it completely.

The machine literally flooded the ALP enrollment lists with its own, friends, relatives and others beholden to it. It was thus able to win the official endorsement.

The genuine ALPers, however, set up a club with headquarters, and are definitely in business as the one real protest voice the machine cannot drown.

In the recent elections the club helped to nominate the Unity Party, and obtained more than 5,000 signatures to get its city slate on the ballot. The next time, when the machine gets its second ALP copies must report to him daily, test movements, culminating in a

Moscow Patriarch Asks Peace Prayers

LONDON, Jan. 5 (UP)—Moscow Radio said today that Alexius, Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia, will call on all believers to pray for peace and the collapse of the designs of those who wish to plunge the people into the horror of a new war.

The Patriarch's message will be broadcast on the Orthodox Church's Christmas, which falls on Jan. 7, the broadcast, distributed by the Soviet monitor, said.

Ask AFL, CIO To Back Protest On Relief Cuts

The City AFL and CIO Councils were urged yesterday "to assume the sponsorship" of the demonstration which the American Labor Party will hold Jan. 10, at 4:30 to 6 p. m. in front of the Department of Welfare, 902 Broadway, against relief cuts effective Jan. 16.

In identical telegrams to James C. Quinn, secretary of the AFL Central Trades and Labor Council, Daniel Allen, ALP trade union director congratulated them on their "expression of opposition to relief cuts."

The telegram declared that the picket lines were most "effective way to demonstrate" united opposition to the proposed slash for relief recipients and invited CIO and AFL to participate.

In another wire to Mayor O'Dwyer, ALP state chairman Rep. Vito Marcantonio demanded immediate action "by you to overrule" Welfare Commissioner Hilliard's refusal to cancel the scheduled relief cuts.

"The latest in the series of ridiculous Hilliard alibies states that families on relief must suffer cuts, because reduced figures have already been mimeographed," Marcantonio told O'Dwyer. "We call upon you to order Hilliard to rescind the relief cuts immediately so that they shall not go into effect on Jan. 16. The responsibility rests with you."

To Try 9 for Killing Yank's 'Fraulein'

NUERNBERG, Germany, Jan. 5 (UP)—State police said today that nine German men, arrested on charges of stoning an American jeep and killing a German girl riding in it with a U.S. soldier, would be tried in a German court for manslaughter.

6-Month Leather Lockout Cracked With 21c Raise

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 5.—The first breakthrough in the six-month lockout by 18 leather companies here came yesterday when the McKay Leather Co. signed an agreement with the Independent Leather Workers Union. The agreement, negotiated by Clarence Carr, former vice-president of the CIO International Fur and Leather Workers Union, provides for an average package increase of 21 cents an hour.

The raises range from 13½ cents an hour to 31½ cents an hour.

The lockout took place originally against the IFLWU, to which all the 850 workers in the 18 shops belonged. Later, the workers organized the independent union with Clarence Carr as president in an effort to use the National Labor Relations Board, if necessary. The IFLWU cannot apply to the board because of the union's refusal to file Taft-Hartley affidavits.

AFL, CIO RAIDS

During the lockout the union was raided by the CIO Textile Workers Union and the AFL Gloveworkers Union. The independent was refused a place on an NLRB ballot, on the grounds that it was "fronting" for the IFLWU.

But the workers overwhelmingly rejected both the AFL and CIO raiders in the election held Dec. 12. They voted "no" as an indication of their adherence to their union.

In addition to the raises, the agreement with the McKay Co. provides for two additional holidays, paid insurance covering the worker as well as his family and

other benefits. The McKay Co. is a member of the Tanners Association which locked out the union when it refused to renew the contract without wage increases. McKay has 45 workers.

For piece workers, the wage raise will be figured on an eight-hour basis, regardless of how little time it takes them to complete their work. In other words, if piece workers finish their work in four hours, their extra pay will be estimated as though they had worked eight hours.

Jeff School Offers Courses For Unionists

Courses of interest to trade unionists are a major feature of the Jefferson School program for the winter term scheduled to begin on Jan. 16.

Among these courses is Marxism and Labor to be taught this term by Louis Weinstock, veteran trade unionist. The school is once again offering George Morris' class on Social Democracy in Europe and the U. S. an ever-popular favorite of trade unionists. Practical courses for the trade unionist listed in the Jefferson School catalog include Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure, with Mark Neider, and Leaflet Writing and Production, with Michael Singer and Ruth Neuer.

Other courses of interest to labor are The Developing Economic Crisis with Victor Perlo, noted labor economist; History of the Labor Movement in the U. S., with Philip Foner, foremost American authority on labor history and Leonard Leader, trade unionist; and the basic courses in Marxism—Political Economy, Capitalism and the Class Struggle, The Negro Question, Imperialism and The Struggle for Socialism.

Registration for all classes is now going on.

Hollywood, a column of film news and comment by David Flint appears daily, except Tuesday, in the Daily Worker.

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Around the Globe

By Joseph Starobin

The Hollowness of Truman's Boast

PRESIDENT TRUMAN probably thinks he scored a heavy point against Marxism in last Wednesday's State of the Union message—I mean his boast about how the average family's buying power has doubled since 1900, and how national production could be four times what it is today, if the same rate of development continues over the next 50 years. If he would provide us with the radio facilities he enjoyed on Wednesday, and it would be a delight to show how shallow is his history and how phony his promises.

Let Truman explain to us why, with quintupled production and doubling of buying power, the Federal Reserve Board recently showed that two-thirds of the American families live on less than \$85 a week, that half live on less than \$60 a week, and that one out of every five families live on less than \$20 a week?

Why, some 54 years after the passage of anti-trust laws, is an American President still talking about the danger that our economy "will fall under the control of a few dominant economic groups whose powers will be so great that they will be a challenge to democratic institutions"? Why the future tense, year after year, when ownership and control of vital industry has for years been in the hands of "dominant economic groups," which continue to concentrate their undemocratic power?

GRANTED THAT production and income have risen since 1900—but at what cost to the millions?—in what kind of world?—and to whose profit? Within these 50 years, there have been three major depressions, and at least two smaller slumps. Millions were made jobless, miserable, wasted. Millions have given their marrow to the speedup and exploitation that has grown more severe all the time. The human toll of capitalism's success has been terrific; it continues to be measured by the houses we live in, the industrial accidents, the bad health and cultural backwardness of our people.

Truman omits a vital fact—that this country took part in two wars, while suffering no destruction on its own soil, wars in which both enemies and allies were mortally weakened. The "free enterprisers" expanded production in both wars, mainly with handouts from the public treasury; a recent ECA study shows that \$68 billions in grants and loans (mainly unpaid) were paid out by the government from 1914 to 1949.

Thus the vaunted success of capitalism rests on wars fought mainly by other peoples, and liberal support from the public treasury; ordinary working people have worked harder and harder, and their relative share in the total income has gone down, while a few millions have consistently grown richer and now control the country.

AS FOR THE FUTURE, what factors will be decisive? The main fact is that the rest of the humanity has grown tired of wars which result, not incidentally, in the expansion of American production so that American Presidents can continue to kid the public. A large part of the world has moved toward Socialism, and intends to enforce peace, while catching up with American production levels well within 50 years.

Thus, at the moment when American production is most expanded, but does not, and cannot satisfy the crying needs of our own people, the base of American capitalism's world operations have narrowed, and will continue to narrow.

A FINAL POINT. Yes, total production and income have grown, but imagine what they could have been if this country had been living under Socialism since 1900? If the Soviet peoples have done wonders in 32 years, against enormous obstacles, wars and threats of war, and if the People's Democracies have rapidly exceeded pre-war levels and re-distributed income to the working people within a few years despite the cold war—imagine where we could all be today if our society were planned, and run by its producers?

Is a four-fold increase of production possible by the year 2000? Of course, and much sooner than that. But only if we save what Truman calls the "spirit on which this great Republic was founded" by emerging from the anarchy of capitalism, which has become a fearful burden on the majority, and a mortal danger to ourselves and the impatient world.

VIRGIL



By Len Kleis

World of Labor

By George Morris

Lewis Should Ask for United Labor Support

THE COAL SITUATION continues without much change in the general picture. The union still holds to its three-day week limit while the operators are screaming for government intervention through the Taft-Hartley Law. The union's new contract pattern adding 95 cents a day to the miner's wage and 15 cents to the 20 now paid into the welfare fund, has so far been signed by small independent operators representing only about 18,000,000 tons annually, or about 3 percent of the total.

Newspaper howls of a coal crisis are more hysteria than reality. Nine million tons in a three-day week is not much below actual consumption levels today as the decline in industrial operations in some fields, the increase on the price of coal far beyond added wage costs and the dieselization of railroads cuts the coal market.

The shorter work week has undoubtedly cut considerably into the 70,000,000-ton coal pile above ground with which operators started a year ago and which they viewed as a weapon against the union.

There are signs, nevertheless, of restlessness and impatience among the miners in some fields, especially those fields that had operated steadily on a full week basis. The sudden walkout of almost all UMW members of the Illinois-Indiana districts is undoubtedly an indication of that restlessness as well as an effort by the union to force the operators of the area to break away as in past days and sign the contract.

THE MINERS obviously will not be in a mood to continue without a contract and on a three-day basis forever. Moreover, there is dissatisfaction in some areas because of the continued operation of some mines on a non-union basis.

The pressure for more decisive steps in the next stage of the duel between the union and the operators will undoubtedly increase. This raises the question: what will John L. Lewis do?

As Lewis himself has stated, and we stressed so often in this column, the coal operators are after blood. They have vengefully waited for the opportunity which they think they now have.

Even a full tieup of the coal fields may be a long bitter struggle. The operators hope to reap the full benefits of the Truman Administration's methodical steps to isolate the coal miners into a battle without the support of the rest of labor. We had pointed out that no less important than the steps already taken by the union is the urgency of associating the trade union movement in general with the struggle of the miners. Only in that way can the union defeat the Truman strategy of lining up the miners separately as targets of the Government's anti-labor weapons.

LEWIS THREW A BOMBSHELL into complacent trade union society last Fall when he suggested a united front of labor in support of the steel workers. He received the usual cold shoulder from the top leaders, but a warm response from the ranks and those closest to the shops. However, he has not seen fit to call for a united front in support of his own coal miners.

One can understand Lewis' attitude of contempt towards many of his past associates who have become so accustomed to walk on all fours that they can hardly stand on their hind legs. But there is far more involved in this struggle than Lewis' personal attitude to people.

The coal miners, as we noted earlier in this struggle, are undoubtedly in a position today to become the rallying center for a rising mood among the workers to fight back. There seems to be no other union capable, under present conditions, of becoming the hub of resistance. True, the Murrays and Greens will give only lip service to pledges of support. But down in the plants a call from the miners for united support would be welcomed warmly. It would come like a much-needed electric charge. It would force the election-minded Administration to hesitate very much before taking any repressive measures against the coal miners.

The AFL's top leaders may not be too much concerned with real action to obtain the raise they say the workers ought to get in 1950. But the average AFL worker or local official does know that if a powerful union like the UMW loses its 1950 battle, there is very little chance that others could do better. It need hardly be added that this holds double for the weakened CIO.

Letters from Readers

Cites Early Soviet Atom Research

Concord, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have a copy of the Moscow Daily News, an English-language publication now discontinued, which I bought on the street in Boston in the winter of 1933. The date of this issue is Nov. 7, 1933.

This copy gives wide publicity to developments in the field of atomic fission to the date of issue.

As is stated in Peter Stone's articles on the atom in the Jan. 2 and 3 issues of the Daily Worker, the "secret" of atomic activities is no secret at all. Scientists have pretended that it was a secret so as to play on public credulity and sense of danger which sole possession of "the bomb" was supposed to allay. You are doing a public service in showing up the hoax.

W. B. CONANT.

Wants More Exposes Of Horatio Alger Myth

Newark, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I find in talking to people that many still half believe in the Horatio Alger myth. No matter what their present position, many expect to hurdle obstacles and become rich and an employer.

It would be nice, if true, and I'd be all for it. But life shows otherwise and the dangers of believing such a myth is that many put off facing problems and working together with others to solve them. The capitalist class works the Horatio Alger material for all it is worth, and I think we should do more to expose it.

For example, a railroad has five presidents in a man's lifetime. It employs 50,000 people so that chances are 10,000 to 1 that the employee will ever be president, etc.

I think this theme bears much repetition. J. C.

Press Roundup

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM, "a bit humbled" at having swallowed The Sun, is going to report the news "truthfully, objectively," and even briefly. Like this: ". . . all the money spent (will) be worse than wasted if communism, having taken China, moves on and takes all Asia. Yet that, precisely, is what we face because Mr. Truman and his State Department have persistently minimized this growing menace and persistently tried to make the American people believe that it is unimportant to them."

THE POSTS Leonard Lyons writes: "Herman Levin, the producer of Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," heard that "the drama critic of the Daily Worker had denounced the show. It's a good thing we don't have any 20-cent seats," said the producer. "Otherwise, such a review might have killed us."

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN wants the U. S. to mint three-cent and seven-cent coins.

THE NEWS, weighing the Truman and Dewey messages, sees the two-way blather as "a battle between American de-

mocracy and independence on the one hand, and socialism, on the other."

THE MIRROR'S Drew Pearson says, "Paul Hoffman's right-hand man has left on a secret trip to western Germany to investigate the revival of German cartels." Shouldn't "investigate" read "facilitate"?

THE COMPASS' T. O. Thackrey, in his valedictory for The Sun, writes: "No newspaper can succeed by attracting fewer and fewer readers; by turning the clock back."

THE HERALD TRIBUNE'S Walter Lippmann avers: "A closer study of Mr. Truman's poetic style shows that his technique is never to deal with problems but only with the excellent results that would be achieved if the problems had been solved. This is a good way to make this sorry world look easy."

THE TIMES manages to write an editorial on The Sun's passing, with not a word on the sudden and shocking presence of unemployment for the defunct paper's workers. — R. F.

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THE BIG PARADE

By Fred Ellis



Run-Around? Or Action?

PRESIDENT TRUMAN asked Congress in polite mild terms to do something about civil rights. He said he would like the Congress at least to let the matter of civil rights "come to a vote." But suppose the Democrats and the GOP line up once again to block the fight for Negro rights, or to vote it down if it comes to a vote? What then? Will that settle the matter as far as the White House is concerned?

The dope from Washington is that civil rights legislation for the Negro people doesn't have a chance in this session.

A recent statement by the NAACP calling for the great Jan. 15 mobilization in Washington, D. C., has some sharp words to say about this Congressional runaround. No doubt, the Negro people are deeply angered at this cynical playing with their liberties. Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY) is absolutely right in demanding that the Democratic majority headed by President Truman give priority in Congress for an effective FEPC law against all job discrimination against Negroes. Nothing can be expected from the White House or from Congress on Negro rights unless the people force action by their united organization.

The GOP's Useful Rage

THANK GOD for the Republicans is what President Truman must be saying to himself today. The GOP tories have leaped in upon the milk-and-water social legislation proposed by Truman with snarling cries of "Socialism" and "totalitarian tyranny." The slightest suggestion of any Federal aid for housing, medical care, or repeal of the Taft-Hartley law throws the GOP tories into a fit. These are the same gents, remember, who give enthusiastic support to President Truman's \$20,000,000,000-a-year munitions pork barrel laughingly disguised as "national defense."

THE MORE THE GOP tories rage at the social reforms so urgently needed by the American people, the better this makes Truman look. In fact, Truman doesn't have to lift a finger to achieve any of the things he says he favors for the people. All he has to do is to ask for them, and sit back to watch the GOP tories and his own Democratic Party leaders unite to sabotage their enactment. Thus he is the liberal, while they are the reactionaries, and it doesn't cost either him or the Big Business trusts a cent.

The two-party vaudeville thus goes merrily on, with the people getting nothing but an imaginary choice between the White House, which promises and doesn't deliver, and the GOP tories, who snarl "Socialism" at everything the common man needs.

The Socialism which the GOP tories so fear would let our country leap forward to such prosperity and happiness as we can hardly dream of now. Our marvelous industrial plant which now is in the hands of a privileged few would produce a Niagara of goods for all the people who would themselves be the new owners.

The GOP tories call the mild reforms to which Truman tips his hat "Socialism." Didn't two of their heroes, Foster Dulles and Gen. Eisenhower, recently say they would advocate "revolution" if this kind of "Socialism" advanced in our country? Thus, the GOP leaders indicate by their rage at the mildest reforms their readiness for police-state suppression of all progressive movements in the country.

As Eugene Dennis, Communist Party General Secretary, wisely remarked yesterday: "If anything good is to be squeezed out of the session of Congress, the people are going to have to rely on their own independent strength. . . . The people's welfare can only be advanced by their united action against the trusts, their bipartisan war program, and against those who promote it either from the White House or from the GOP-Bourbon Democrat controlled Congress."

To depend on the President's promises or to be deceived by the GOP rage at his non-existent "Socialism" is to doom oneself to disappointment.

French Communists Map Fight for Peace, Liberty

By Maurice Thorez General Secretary, Communist Party of France

(From Thorez's closing speech at the Plenum of the Communist Party of France, December, 1949).

(Continued from Yesterday)

MANY NEW MEMBERS have been accepted into our Party. Seven hundred thousand members joined our Party after the Liberation, many of them during the struggle or immediately after. As early as 1945 we discussed the need for extensive ideological work to educate new members and re-educate the old ones in the spirit of Leninism. But much work has still to be done in this sphere.

Under the conditions of sharpening class struggle the more unstable elements inevitably wilt and give way. They get scared and fear going into action.

This refers particularly to those who came to the Party from the ranks of the petty bourgeoisie during the periods of comparative lull. This situation could be seen in some branches.

The Party is not isolated from social environment. Individual members yield, in one form or another, to ideology hostile to the working class. Thus, petty-bourgeois sections bring in their form of education and their vacillations into the ranks of the Communist Party.

FOR EXAMPLE, one rarely comes across vacillations or doubts among workers with regard to the USSR and the People's Democracies. But such doubts can be seen among certain people who come from the petty bourgeoisie.

Incidentally, these doubts often serve them as a pretext for avoiding struggle. We believe we should not hold on to such people to whom the working class, its interests, its aims and its Communist Party are absolutely alien.

Our Party exists to carry out a revolutionary struggle to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat. We shall not hold on to Party members coming from the petty bourgeoisie who do not agree with this, who question the principles of the Party.

We shall not hold on to them. On the contrary, we shall try to be rid of them. They want freedom in order to wallow in the mire, as Lenin put it. Very well! Let them wallow in the mire.

But they must also recognize our freedom—the freedom to prevent our Party from being drawn into the swamp of opportunism and Social Democ-

cratism which we have abandoned more and more in the course of over 30 years of persistent struggle. We will fight for the Party line.

In the Party there is a full freedom to discuss matters before coming to a decision according to our rules, decisions which must be observed by everyone unreservedly.

Of course discussion should be held on a basis of principle and we must not let our freedom of discussion be used by our enemies for their own ends.

Certainly, it is necessary patiently to explain things and, aided by weighty arguments, to convince those Party members who are mistaken, without offending and alienating them, but with the utmost straightforwardness.

BUT IT IS necessary to fight for the Party line without the slightest vacillation, to fight against any deviation, opportunism or sectarianism.

Whenever differences arise in practical questions, they are easily solved. If the question is one of political differences we should not evade discussion on them until they are removed, until the Party line triumphs.

Two lines cannot exist in the Party. The Party has one line—a revolutionary, proletarian, Lenin-Stalin line of the Communist Party. This general line cannot be questioned in any Party organization. Not a single Party branch, nor Party unit will allow it.

Finally, the need for criticism and self-criticism should, once again, and always, be stressed.

Very many weaknesses can be explained by fear of criticism and self-criticism.

Let no one refer to the arch-opportunist pretext that the enemy will allegedly be able to use the open criticism of our mistakes and weaknesses and will try to put obstacles in our way.

Let clowns play the clown, as Lenin said. Self-criticism is a sign of a strong and serious party, a Party which believes in the people and enjoys the con-

fidence of the masses, a Party which therefore does not shirk difficulties and is able to draw lessons from its own mistakes in order to educate, on the basis of these mistakes, the working class and the mass of the working people.

But in order to criticize, a Party approach is needed.

A FEW DAYS ago a journalist assured me that our enemies believe there are allegedly opposition trends in our Party, including the leadership, and that there are even Tito supporters. In reply, I said:

I know very well that our enemies willingly take their desires for reality, but I can only say that their hopes are groundless.

Our confidence in the CPSU (B), in Stalin, is absolute and unreserved. We speak of it every day.

It is not a question of a "cult," as asserted by our enemies. It is a question of a conscious confidence based on experience; a political confidence which does not exclude, but on the contrary strengthens, our love for Stalin.

Why should we not declare our love for Stalin, our friend, our leader?

Our enemies would like to see opposition in our leadership. They do not want to see the social origin of our leaders, they refuse to see that these leaders have been brought up in the Lenin-Stalin spirit, as collective leaders working together, mutually supporting and fraternally criticizing each other and going through all ordeals together.

OUR PARTY is doing well.

We are gaining members, valuable people. We must intensify our work in this sphere, especially at the large enterprises.

We must pay attention simultaneously to the quantitative and qualitative composition of the Party. We are entering a period when the question of the qualitative composition of the Party will have a decisive bearing.

Our aim is to ensure that by

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By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

ONE MONTH from today, on Feb. 6, the U. S. Appellate Court in New York City will hear a case that makes legal history. It is the appeal of the five attorneys (Sacher, Isserman, McCabe, Crockett and Gladstein) who defended the 11 Communist leaders during the Foley Square thought-control trial and of Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, who acted as his own lawyer.

They were all sentenced to jail terms by Judge Medina, for over 50 alleged acts of "contempt," which he designated as "the result of an agreement between these defendants deliberately entered into in a cold and calculated manner—to sabotage the functioning of the Federal judicial system.

In other words, he found them

Life of the Party

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Member, National Committee, Communist Party

guilty of a conspiracy, without an indictment or trial by a jury, a new Medina-made definition of "contempt," which he has confined to acts within the courtroom.

He made the entire record of his "proof" of contempt, a tremendous document of over 20,000 pages, which it will take four months to print for the trial appeal.

BUT WHEN this record is fine tooth-combed it will reveal a myriad of astounding examples of prejudice and the vindictive, biased attitude of this same judge throughout the entire trial. Medina hampered these capable and courageous lawyers daily in their attempts to adequately defend their clients, for whom he showed the utmost scorn. He prevented many defense witnesses from giving im-

portant evidence. Some were only allowed to give their name and addresses. The record teems with snide remarks, sneers, ridicule, insults, abuse and threats against the attorneys by the judge—all in the presence of the jury—an astounding performance, unique in court. It is Judge Medina who is guilty of contempt of court.

The conspiracy has been by a red-baiting press which has created the Medina myth, which makes a hero of a "patient, long-suffering judge, who never once used his gavel." He used instead his august power as a judge even to threaten physical force to silence attorneys. The excessive sentences for contempt are without precedent.

His action set in motion proceedings in the Bar Associations calculated to deprive these attorneys of their professional status. That these attorneys did such an

excellent job is due to their devotion to their duty and their determination to represent their clients at the risk of their liberty and their livelihoods.

THIS OUTRAGEOUS proceeding has obviously set a pattern which makes a farce of due process of law, a pattern much desired by the ruling class and so far approved by the administration. Tom Clark's infamous remark that lawyers who defend such cases should be taken to a "legal woodshed" was the kickoff for this program.

The action of Medina was promptly followed by Judge Hutchinson of New Jersey, who arbitrarily removed attorneys O. Rogge, William Patterson and Emanuel Block from the case of the Trenton Six.

On the West Coast, one of Bridges' lawyers was sentenced to jail for "contempt" and a Los Angeles lawyer is threatened with disbarment for criticizing Tom Clark's remark. What of the right of clients to counsel of their own choice? What of the lawyers' rights of advocacy? Are lawyers to be appointed by the courts and acceptable only if they have no sympathy and will not fight for the rights of their clients?

THE PROTEST movement among lawyers is growing in California, as you have read in the Daily Worker. In Michigan lawyers of the National Guild and Wolverine Bar Association are alert to the dangers to their professions involved in the case of George Crockett. The defense lawyers, who fortunately are free to travel, are speaking eloquently to their colleagues everywhere.

This is good—but it is not enough. Vital as it is to lawyers, this issue also concerns trade unions, the Negro people, and all Americans whose democratic rights are precious. Ford Local 600, United Auto Workers, the world's

largest local union, with a membership of 65,000, realizes this and has joined the Crockett Defense Committee. General public action is required at once—calling upon the government to wipe out these disgraceful contempt sentences by refusing to contest the briefs and arguments on Feb. 6.

The time for this action is now. Let Attorney General McGrath hear from you and your organization immediately. Wipe out the shame of a modern Dred Scott decision.

The most glaring example of Medina's bias is in the sentencing of Eugene Dennis. Since Dennis is not an attorney, his participation in the proceedings did not include examination or cross-examination of witnesses or making legal exceptions to the court's ruling.

Most of the instances of the alleged contempt piled up against the trial lawyers were in these two categories (23 against Sacher; 18 against Gladstein; 9 against Crockett; seven against Isserman; six against McCabe and five against Dennis). The sentences were 30 days for McCabe; four months for Crockett and Isserman and six months for Sacher, Gladstein and Dennis.

So Medina with even-handed injustice, soaked Dennis the maximum sentence although obviously not consistent with his own scaling of sentences. In the future, citizens who dare to defend themselves can expect similar treatment, if this pattern prevails in American courts.

Remember the date—Feb. 6. Time is pressing for an all-out protest against this sinister and far-reaching attack on lawyers' right of advocacy and clients' right to a defense. Winning bail was Round 1—let's make victory in this historic struggle Round 2, on the way to a complete victory—the reversal of the Foley Square verdict and the repeal of the thought-control Smith Act.

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Socialist Unity Party Demands Return of Ruhr

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—Return of the Ruhr to the German people was demanded today in a statement by the executive board of the Socialist Unity Party. The statement, signed by Wilhelm Pieck and Otto Grotewohl, declared:

"The Anglo-American imperialists have attempted to detach this industrial heart of Germany completely from the German economy by the forced Ruhr statute one year ago and make it a basis of their national suppression and war preparations against the East.

"The German people can in this, its fight—as emphasized by Generalissimo Stalin in his congratulatory message on Oct. 13, 1949, to the German Democratic Republic—be certain of the support of all free people, particularly of the help of the Soviet Union.

"The Ruhr is German and will remain German."

More U.S. Funds For Tito Hinted

LONDON, Jan. 5.—George Allen, new U. S. ambassador to Yugoslavia, indicated today that

CHARGE HILLIARD PUNISHES FOES OF RELIEF CUTS

Welfare Commissioner Raymond M. Hilliard was charged yesterday by Local 1, United Public Workers of America, CIO, with taking punitive action against Welfare Department employees who participated in the campaign to stop the relief cuts scheduled to go into effect Jan. 16. The union stated that these staff members are being transferred to an outlying Welfare Center in

Brownsville, regardless of their present residence.

Slated to be thus penalized are Joan Fonfa, union chairman in the Harlem Welfare Center, which was most active in contacting community organizations to protest the cuts; Al Calabro, the union's wage increase chairman, now employed in the Amsterdam Welfare Center on 57th St., Manhattan, and four others.

Seven union members had previously transferred to Brownsville, including Eleanor Coding, president of Local 1, and Leo Miller, vice-president.

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Employes of the Amalgamated Bank, which is controlled by the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers, have been pressured into stating their intention to leave the CIO United Office and Professional Workers. Peter K. Hawley, executive director of Financial Employees Guild, Local 98, UOPWA, denounced the high-handed pressure against the workers and announced the union would seek a secret election.

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Under this slogan we shall prepare for the 12th Congress of our Party which will take place next April, in Toulouse.

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COME ON DOWN Sat., Jan. 7th, and help us welcome 200 Workers from American Steel Mill Co. Help our union, labor and working people, reformists, entertainers and lots of fun for young and old. Local 12 Youth Committee, 1000 W. 20th St., 2nd Floor, 8 p.m. Adm. 25c.

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Coming

BARNARD BURIN on "The Soviet Art Criticism and the Fight for Man"; This Sunday, Jan. 8, 8:30 p.m., at 71 Pitts Ave. An original paper by the cultural editor and drama critic of the Daily Worker. Howard Post, Chairman. Stimulating! Thought-provoking! Plus a question and answer period! And don't be bashful about your questions! Date: Jan. 8, 8:30 p.m. at ALP Hall, 2725 Nostrand Ave. (over Dove Theater). Sub 50c.

BUNN NIXON, Soviet AMG official in charge of communication in Germany, speaks on "The Birth of Nation in Germany." Songs of many lands by Unity Singers. Folk dancing. Sunday, Jan. 8, 8:30 p.m., at ALP Hall, 2725 Nostrand Ave. (over Dove Theater). Sub 50c.

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NAACP

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York chapter, National Alliance of Postal Employees.

Another call to all Harlem for united action in local civil rights and domestic struggles came from Rep. Adam Clayton Powell in a joint statement with Lieutenant White.

Their call on behalf of the People's Committee and the New York NAACP was for a conference this Saturday at Abyssinia Community House, 132 W. 138 St.

On Sunday the People's Committee will hold its 10th annual mass meeting at the Golden Gate at 3:30 p.m. with Rep. Powell as speaker.

The Joint Call for Unity invites churches, fraternities, all unions, ministers, conferences, lodges, sororities, and women's clubs, youth groups and professional groups to send delegates.

Citing the growing unemployment of Negroes in New York, Powell and White charged that Negroes are still denied jobs as drivers and salesmen for the major products and distributors who reap a golden harvest from the concentrated demand and heavy sales of the community.

The conference will be divided into four panels on legislation, jobs, housing, and social services. Prominent political leaders, Negro women, welfare experts and others will participate.

N.J. NAACP Backs Trenton '6' Defense

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 5.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will throw its full support behind the defense of the Trenton Six when the frame-up victims' second trial opens in Trenton next month.

In a decision of far-reaching importance for united defense of the six Negroes, the NAACP State Conference Board has voted to ask its national office to appoint Thurgood Marshall, chief NAACP counsel, and J. Mercer Burrell, prominent Newark attorney, to "give such technical, research and other assistance as counsel of record may desire."

Without mentioning New Jersey Attorney General Theodore Parsons, the NAACP State Board pulled the ground from under Parsons recent false statement that the NAACP does not consider the Trenton frameup a case involving violation of civil rights or discrimination against Negroes.

"Our Legal Redress Committee has always believed that a serious violation of civil rights occurred in this case for the reason that the confessions relied upon by the prosecution were in its opinion the products of police misconduct of the grossest type. In addition, it was of the opinion that the available evidence would not sustain a conviction," the NAACP Board declared.

The statement, issued by Dr. Ulysses Wiggins, NAACP state chairman, said significantly:

"The New Jersey State Conference has issued no statement approving the conduct of either the trial judge or prosecutor in the original trial. Any other statement issued by any NAACP official represented a personal opinion only and was not the official expression of the State Conference."

Portland Wants Ez

PORLAND, Ore., Jan. 5 (UPI)—World heavyweight boxing champion Ezzard Charles has been offered a \$35,000 guarantee by Portland boxing promoter Tex Salkeld to defend his title here against Joe Kahut of Woodburn, Ore., next summer, Salkeld announced today.

Condolences

Heartfelt condolences to MILDRID on the loss of your father.—Bedford-Dexter Club, CP.

Sincere condolences to MILDRED on the loss of your father.—Flatbush Section, N. Y. CP.

U. S. Drops Plan to Seize Formosa

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the day, Secretary of State Dean Acheson elaborated this paragraph. He said the statement did not constitute a new departure in the administration policy towards the Chiang Kai-shek government.

Chiang can buy rifles or other military supplies from the U.S. just as in the past, he said, but no new military loans or gifts, he stressed, would be granted to the Kuomintang clique.

Economic assistance to Formosa includes fertilizer and fuel oil, and these will be shipped until the pending ECA allotments are exhausted. He declined to say whether the State Department recommends their renewal after that.

The Truman statement made it clear that the U. S. was bound by the three-power agreement negotiated by Roosevelt at Cairo in 1943 as well as the Potsdam declaration of 1945, to regard Formosa as a part of Chinese territory.

The Cairo agreement, initiated by Roosevelt, Churchill and Chiang said that territories Japan had stolen from China, such as Formosa, would be returned to China at the conclusion of victory. This was a part of the surrender terms which were accepted by Japan. And for the past four years all the powers have accepted the exercise of Chinese authority over Formosa, he said.

This part of the statement was obviously designed as a firm rejection of a proposal, widely attributed to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, to reattach Formosa to Japan, thus giving the U. S. the pretext to occupy the island.

The entire statement of Truman, as well as the extraordinary press conference of Acheson which followed, was aimed at blocking the GOP drive for seizure of Formosa and various other forms of open military intervention. These included the proposal of former Herbert Hoover, and Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-O) to send the U. S. Navy to aid Chiang, and another plan, advanced by Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Cal) and Sen. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) to send military advisers and heavy fighting equipment to Formosa.

Until today it was reported that Truman himself had looked favorably on the suggestion that the U. S. secure 99-year leases for air and naval bases on Formosa.

The rejection of these proposals was greeted with angry howls by Republican leaders.

WHERRY YELLS

"The President's statement on Formosa is an invitation to the Moscow-directed Communists to come and get it," said Senate minority leader Kenneth Wherry (R-Neb).

Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich) asserted that the U.S. should not feel bound by the Cairo and Potsdam agreements. The question of Formosa should not be con-

Italy Cops Shoot Peasants

ROME, Jan. 5.—More than 5,000 unemployed farmhands and peasants have seized idle land in central and northern Italy since Jan. 1, it was estimated today.

In the Grosseto area, 3,000 peasants occupied more than 12,000 acres in 14 communities. Police drove them off some estates.

The land occupation near Modena continued on a larger scale. Police made over 30 arrests.

Near Ropigo police drove off 40 squatters, wounded three and arrested 22. Another 16 were arrested in nearby Salata after a clash with police.

The Italian cabinet meanwhile approved a decree to speed grants of uncultivated land to peasants.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi said that under the land reform program, cession of land would be made by compensating the own-

sidered settled until the signing of the U. S. "had no such qualms" in the peace treaty with Japan, he said.

Sen. Bourke Hickenlooper (R-Ia) also called it "abject surrender."

Sen. John M. Bricker (R-O) said the U. S. was "joining with England in cooperating with communism in the Orient."

Sen. Taft said the Truman statement was "inconsistent with the position we took in Greece and other places."

Sen. Knowland, on the Senate floor, screamed that "fertilizer will not stop Communism."

All Republican speakers in the Senate protested that issuance of the statement without consultation with them was a departure from the bipartisan foreign policy.

QUIZZED ON BRITAIN

Acheson admitted at his press conference that an important element in the new situation was that the Peking Government would soon be recognized by some other countries.

Asked if he had information concerning Britain's plans to recognize Peking, Acheson said London had kept the Department thoroughly informed. Asked whether London had informed him recognition was imminent, Acheson said he didn't think he should answer that question—the answer should come from the British Government.

U. S. recognition of the Chinese People's Republic, however, is premature, he stressed.

He scoffed at what he called the amateur military strategists who laid such emphasis on Formosa. He said that insofar as he knew no military official thinks the U. S. should become militarily involved in China. The U. S. decision not to give further materiel or send forces, he said, was made against a background of considerable gifts to the Kuomintang government. Chiang now has "adequate resources" to buy rifles, he said, quoting Truman.

EXPLAINS 'AT THIS TIME'

Acheson referred to the phrase "at this time" which Truman inserted in his own statement after disclaiming the desire for bases in Formosa. That phrase, said Acheson, does not qualify or weaken the disclaimer. But in the event U. S. forces are attacked in the Far East, he said, the U. S. must be perfectly free to take whatever steps it considers necessary.

A reporter asked Acheson why

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Here They Are—Those Very Good CCNY Sophs



COACH NAT HOLMAN talks things over with the eight sophomore members of the CCNY squad. These tall and talented lads, all graduates of New York public high schools, comprised the city's greatest freshman team last year, and sparked Tuesday's upset victory over St. Johns, rated number one nationally before the game. They are, left to right, seated, Larry Meyer, Ed Warner, Arnie Smith, Herb Cohen. Standing, Ed Roman, Ed Chenetz, Floyd Lane and Al Roth. Current regulars are Roman, Warner, Roth and Cohen. Together with senior holdovers, they next face Loyola of Chicago, last spring's tourney finalists, at the Garden tomorrow night.

Costner 12-5 in Debut vs. Burton

The next challenger for Ray Robinson's welterweight crown may come out of tonight's bout between two ranking Negro contenders, George Costner and Gene Burton, who meet in the feature attraction of International Boxing Club's All-Star card of three ten-rounders.

Costner, on the basis of his over .500 average in batting out kayo victories, is being posted a 12-5 favorite over the clever-boxing Burton, while Paddy Young and Morris Reif will enter the ring slight choices over Harold Green and Pete Kennedy.

There is much interest here in Costner's local debut. The tall, slim puncher has been a hot attraction in the midwest ever since his star first rose five years ago with a string of knockouts that was finally halted by Robinson himself, who flattened Costner in one round when the newcomer was only an inexperienced kid of 19. He has come a long ways since, and win or lose tonight against Burton, Costner still has a return non-title engagement with Robinson next month in Philadelphia.

Should Costner beat the highly capable Burton and follow up with a good showing against Robinson, there's little doubt he'd get the next title crack at Ray if the great Robbie decided to dry down to 147 again and put the crown on the line in lieu of the much-dodged middleweight title chance against LaMotta.

Burton will be an acid test for Costner. Gene has fought the best men in the lightweight and welter division and even holds one win over like Williams to his credit. Other bouts that saw Burton at his best included jousts with such classy gents as Johnny Bratton and Freddie Dawson and Kid Gavilan. Burton drew and then lost with Gavilan as he moved out of the lightweight division in the welter class. Gene is a velvet smooth boxer, picking his spots for combination punches, more often than not being content to outbox an opponent rather than try for a knockout. As a result he doesn't have nearly as imposing a kayo record as Costner, but Burton in

sists he'll be going all-out to-night considering Costner's ability to end a fight with one fell swoosh of his vaunted left hook. Gene is a stablemate of Robinson's, but a win tonight could push him in line for a site with Ray nonetheless.

Paddy Young pits his winning streak of 11 straight against the clever but glass-jawed veteran Harold Green in the semi-final 10. Whether or not Young hits hard enough to dent Green's fragile chinaware is a question, and if he can't he may find his win streak in considerable jeopardy. Harold is an extremely clever boxer, hits sharply and quickly, but isn't quite the speedy workman he was some four or five years ago. He gets hit more often than he used to.

One other note on tonight's card. Coming as it does just one week after the near fatal knockout of Carmino Vingo, one hopes the refereeing and observation by Commission medics at ringside will be somewhat more alert.

JOHNNY BRATTON, the very

Try BB Video at Garden Tom'w

ST. JOHNS.—St. Josephs game tomorrow night will be first Garden game of season televised. It's on sustaining basis, with no sponsor, to "test public reaction," in other words to see how much it hurts the box office. Video goes on 9:30 p.m. after CCNY-Loyola opened. . . .

Rutgers outscored disappointing Fordham, which has lots of size and material, 78-74, at Ram-gym, with Hatchett scoring 23 in rough game. Sixty-four fouls called. . . . Holy Cross, still unwhipped, ran up season's high against Harvard, 102-71, with most Harvard points coming against third stringers at end. . . . Brooklyn knocked off Adelphi 71-59. . . . Loyola of Chi, City's next, thumped by Brigham Young 54-45. Must really miss Kerris. . . . De Paul, upcoming St. Johns opponent, nipped Oklahoma A & M 41-40. . . . St. Louis, LIU's foe of next Tuesday, opened Conference play with 56-41 win over Detroit. . . . SMU dittoed over Texas A & M 53-48.

FOX STILL TOPS

Starting the 1950 track season where he left off in '49, Frank Fox sizzled to a 1.12.1 triumph in the 600 Wednesday night. It was the feature of the Met AAU open meet, a sort of warmup affair. Thigpen, Gilhooley and McKenley trailed. Next best showing of the night for this stage of the season was John Vislocky's 6-6½ high jump.

Clever Chicago welter, made good in his local bow Wednesday night at St. Nicks, stopping young Eugene Hairston on cuts in the second round. . . . Joe Louis announced seven exhibitions in the west before this month lets out.

The Half World Soccer Tourney

LONDON, Jan. 5 (UPI).—Argentina, Brazil and Britain were rated joint 6 to 1 favorites to win the World Soccer Tournament at Rio De Janeiro next summer in bookmakers' lists issued today, while the United States was quoted among the 100 to 1 outsiders. Italy was quoted next at 7 to 1. Paraguay and Scotland were listed at 8 to 1 and Spain at 10 to 1. Besides the U.S. team, Austria, Portugal and Turkey also were quoted at 100 to 1.

(ED. NOTE—We run adjoining United Press story as a matter of interest. This "world soccer tournament" is of course, nothing of the kind, for it casually leaves out of the world the Soviet Union and the other socialist democracies of eastern Europe. The hosts reluctantly refused to include an invitation to these countries. Among other things, it just so happens that Soviet soccer teams are rated the best in the world!)

on the scoreboard

by LESTER RODNEY

Letter, Reply, Allied and Sundry Topics

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Jan. 4, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rodney:

I made a New Year's resolution to write you, expressing my appreciation for your sports column, "On the Scoreboard." It is really fine. I imagine you receive many letters of criticism, but I wonder if letters of praise and well deserved words of congratulation for the political views you express in your coverage of sports are as free and frequent?

Your almost single-handed (maybe I've missed him—who else?) campaign of persuasion and logic to try to prevent Joe Louis from making a "come-back" into the fight racket (and being slapped around and finally defeated, to the expressed joy and gleeful triumph of white supremacists, and the sincere grief of the Negro people who respect and love him) deserves the expressed appreciation of all progressives.

We all want to see Louis remain the Champion; we don't want him mauled, personally or symbolically. I am all for a petition to be circulated among sports fans, concretely showing Mr. Louis our sincere admiration for his fine sportsmanship and our desire that he hang up the gloves, thus protecting himself and his people from further exploitation in the racket which is a striking symbol of the corruption of the system which feeds and nourishes it.

Your honest opinion on the Vingo fight and subsequent thoughts relative to the young man's improvement, in the column titled "You can have it—all of it," merit serious consideration. Your efforts to help abolish Jimcrow in all sports are much appreciated and thoroughly supported by progressive fans. I think most particularly of your efforts to pressure ball clubs and the national bowling tournament "authorities" to admit Negroes into competition. We have made cracks in the wall of Jimcrow in 1949, and we owe you sincere thanks for your large and influential part in it. Salud.

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I would like to suggest that you use polemics more frequently, particularly in the field of wrestling, and in particular against the degrading spectacle of "Georgeous George." I saw a "match" of his on television and was revolted. How about a campaign in 1950 to insure that this person and others like him are "included out"? Lousy as current American "culture" is, GG is a new low—even for us.

Your writing style is excellent, clear, free and swinging. Keep swinging, Mr. Rodney, and call for progressive action to clear the sports fields of Jimcrowism, under-payment and corrupt management. Good luck.

Yours,

MARIAN C. MIX.

P.S. FOR NEW YEARS—I wish you 39,000 more readers! Five thousand from Brooklyn.

WAS ABOUT to carefully drop that letter into the top drawer to brighten up an occasional day, but, it's true, most people who write point out things they DON'T like. So this one's too nice to resist printing, even if it's somewhat overloaded on the laudatory side. Furthermore, there apparently is a little case of mistaken identities involved. As our readers know well, compatriot Bill Mardo has played a leading and unflagging role both in the bowling campaign and in the exposing of the forces behind the "Joe Louis Comeback" campaign.

As for the petition campaign to show Joe Louis how most sports fans feel about his coming back, there are several things wrong with that idea in my opinion. 1. Joe says he will not come back, that he is on this exhibition tour for the money in it. Why should anyone anticipate a decision he says he will not make? 2. Whatever Louis does or does not do about coming back is still his affair, no matter what the sentiment of most fans might be. Don't you agree?

That 39,000 P. S. I really like.

SPEAKING OF Bowling's Jimcrow, a pretty interesting event is coming up on Saturday, Jan. 21. The Greater New York Division of the National Committee For Fair Play in Bowling is sponsoring an inter-racial bowling exhibition for the benefit of the March of Dimes. Participating in this worthy event will be American bowlers who do not all fit into the American Bowling Congress' disgraceful Nazilike "white male caucasian" clause. There'll be the Chinese Bowling League, the United Bowling Association, Inter-Collegiate Bowling Conference, Indonesian Bowling League, Catholic Youth Organization, United Women's Bowling Association, Japanese-American Bowling League and Local 85, Wholesale and Warehouse Union. There'll be more about this on the sports page.

A LOOK at the first issue of World-Telegram and Sun reveals that of all the sports writers on the Sun who were thrown out of work, the only one to be "absorbed" by the Telly was the one who didn't need the job, the syndicated Grantland Rice. . . . The Washington Senators fired their manager Joe Kuhel, and added some new stockholders. That should really strengthen the big hole in the batting order. Much better than trying out qualified Negro players on the team that bears the title of our nation's capital.

Don Newcombe reports operation on nose to correct deviated septum is successful and should help him. This would hardly come under the head of good news to the batters of the National League! . . . Mike McCormick played for the flag-winning Braves in '48, the five-winning Dodgers in '49 and has just been signed by the Giants for '50. But there's more to winning the pennant than that, Giant fans. Pitchers, for instance.